

Coercion

1. To force, compel action

[i.e. ^(a) make adding high that he will take it;
(b) make great gap between it and perceived
alternatives; or to "eliminate" better.]

(like "assault" — vs. "blackmail"?)

2. Vs "decision-maker": to ~~worsen~~ influence his
decision by worsening his set of alternatives:
narrowing it (eliminating "good" alternatives) or
critically
worsening prospects of some actions

[by changing expectations — perceptions of
causal impact of his actions, ^{including field of attention} perhaps upon coercer's
actions — not his evaluation of "outcomes," his values or
goals or preferences]

In contrast to: ^(a) improving set, by adding alternatives or bettering
prospects: bribe, payment, bargain, "creation"

(b) persuading : changing

(1) values, etc

(2) field of attention

(3) expectations — of contingencies

(and their impact) other than those ^{influenced} manipulated by persuader).

3. Manipulation of symbols/signals so as to produce "reluctant" response.

4. Thus, "against his will" or "against resistance" in sense that (a) without coercer's action (threats), victim would choose differently, and (b) with better prospects, expectation of outcome, than given coercer's action (he would rather choose from the "initial" set of alternatives, which was "better").

Given coercer's action, however, he does "will" compliance; he "chooses" to comply, though with "regret".

Violence: cause pain (physical or psychological)

(not only, "reduction in happiness," "regret")

or (b) injury/damage: a change, for the worse, in structure, ability to function

or (c) "unjust" use of force, power; as in deprivation of "right".

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Non-coop

Withholding of social contacts or relations
(expressions of feelings, attitude, deference):

labor

purchase (money)

[dependence!]

subservience

hiding compliance

subjection / indignation

respect

relative ignorance!

"goods," to

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Coe: "In the last analysis, the victims always
gild their own chains, even when they do not
help to forge them." 401 Non-violent Coercion

"Social coercion ... its enforcing sanctions are neither
the in the personal use of force nor the appeal
to formally constituted political authority resting on force,
but to the concerted manipulation of the ordinary social
relations of daily life." 413
non-violent means, with the bitter & irreparable after-effects.

Coercion: Confront S with dilemmas:
multi-attribute or multi-valued
alternatives, toward which he is ambivalent
riser risks or greater "evils," compared
to best alternative prior to coercive acts.

i.e. his set of alternative outcomes
is narrowed: "best" is lower than before.
[result of "hostile" act?]

No change in ^{conditional} opinions, or emotional state: (?)

(This: feels forced to comply; mark of
dependence, subordination, inability to make counter-
threat; humiliation; anger;

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[Fast accompli as an alternative to coercion,
possibly less humiliating: just as non-resistance
to overwhelming force less humiliating than to
losses, or to small bribes [Cuban missiles]
if it fails. ---

Neutrality, apathy, passivity — even "love," if ineffective — cannot be justified in the presence of evil, wrongs, injustice:

if forms of action — possibly effective — are available
~~possible~~ that are less objectionable than the evil itself, and that are likely to cause less harm than good.

Violence often used with intent, and hope or expectation, of unilateral use: infliction rather than suffering of harm.

[Especially on US bombing.]

Obtainer of spirit of hatred, uprisal, desire to annihilate... aim.

Case: victors of D-V C must be swift

(strategic moment): great demands on
moment, moral indignation, group loyalty,
class consciousness, devotion to cause; solidifying
of purpose, capacity for passive suffering, ethical
development: require high nervous tension.

Case: problem is not how to annihilate conflict
but to divorce it from brutality and
vindictiveness.

Aim is not only to win short-run compliance,
but to do so without having to fear/prepare for
retaliation, hatred, bitterness, resistance & all
requiring apparatus of defense and strong coercion,
i.e. police state...

and without changing both parties, as humans
and as groups, undesirably

(Toward suspicion, anger, non-coop. ...)

However: challenge of non-violence may produce
undesirable emotional effects in some cultures:
see Harvard Alumni Bulletin, Nov ^{Dec?} 68)